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Laurel man arrested in murder-for-hire scheme

Suspect paid undercover detective to kill his wife

Howard County police have arrested a Laurel man for paying an undercover detective to murder his wife. Aafaq Manejwala, 36, of Polished Pebble Way, was charged with solicitation of first-degree murder and attempted first-degree murder.

Police received a tip that Manejwala was searching for someone who would be willing to kill his wife for money. An informant arranged a meeting between Manejwala and an undercover police detective who was posing as a potential hitman.

Throughout the month of March, the undercover detective met with Manejwala three times. Manejwala offered him \$15,000 to murder his wife and discussed a plan to make the incident appear to be a botched home invasion robbery or burglary. During these meetings, Manejwala guided the officer to his neighborhood and pointed out the house the location of his house, showed the officer a video of the interior of the home, and provided a photo of his wife.

On March 29, Manejwala met with the officer, made a payment for the murder, and advised he would make another payment on April 1. At that time, he was taken into custody and charged.

Manejwala is currently being held without bond at the Howard County Detention Center.

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